



Richard Bradley



10/19/2011 08:05 PM

To: [Redacted]

cc: Rick Reinhard

bcc:

Karyn LeBlanc

Subject: RE: Occupy DC Update - McPherson Square

Hi Bob,

We welcomed the chance to meet on Monday and get a chance to understand the present situation and the context in which you are working. We expressed our frustration about the lack of communication with us in advance of the emergence of these encampments in downtown. We have assumed we were moving toward and improvement in at least this aspect of the situation. But Dave reached out to you yesterday and I tried to reach Steve today. Is there a any way we can get this matter improved while we hope we are moving toward a remedy for the present safety and sanitation concerns?

Rich

From: David Kamperin

Sent: Wednesday, October 19, 2011 4:20 PM

To: [Redacted]

Cc: Richard Bradley; Rick Reinhard; [Redacted]; Karyn LeBlanc

Subject: FW: Occupy DC Update - McPherson Square

Superintendent Vogel

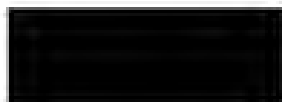
Please see attached the photos taken today of conditions at McPherson. Again troubling is the flammable material being stored on site (notice close proximity of one of the generators to the sidewalk) and the cooking. Also disturbing is the recent stacking of lumber and wood for either use for a bonfire or weapons against law enforcement. The trash continues to pile up within the park and then are removed by the occupants and dumped on the public sidewalks. Recent new rat infestation borrowing has been observed in nearby tree box spaces. As the email below indicates the unhealthy and unsanitary conditions continue as food is dumped as compost, dogs run free throughout the park and children (observed in one of the photos) also play where they go to the bathroom.

We look forward to a more proactive response – to include increased trash pick ups and enforcement of these severe public safety issues.



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From: Blake Holub

Sent: Wednesday, October 19, 2011 4:04 PM

To: David Kamperin

Cc: Kenneth Gregory

Subject: Occupy DC Update - McPherson Square

Dave,

As we had discussed earlier, Kenny and I visited the Occupy DC site today. We noted that the site had expanded since Monday, roughly totaling 125-150 people with nearly 40 tents. The park grounds themselves look to be in poor to dire condition due to all of the activity. Also, the demonstration has two working generators which they seem to be rotating out. They also have a storage tent which looks like a quasi-pantry for demonstrators to receive rations. Additionally, the smell was quite putrid when we walked through the encampment which most likely stems from the lack of sanitary conditions and the presence of dogs. Lastly, we noted around 15 or so trash bags stacked on the corner of K and 15th St. I have also attached photos for your viewing.

Let me know if you have any questions or comments. Thanks!

Blake Holub, MPA

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10/31/2011 02:15 PM

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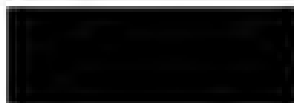
Subject: Occupy DC Dumping Trash at Businesses

Today a group of protestors from Occupy DC at McPherson dumped bags of garbage at the lobby of the Eagle Bank at 1425 K St NW. When they went to remove it the bottom of the bag broke (apparently weakened by the protestors) and cups of urine and human or animal excrement dumped out.



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Karen Cucurullo/NACC/NPS
11/05/2011 05:53 PM

To: Bob Vogel/NAMA/NPS@NPS, "Robbin Owen"
cc: [REDACTED]
bcc:
Subject: Re: Fwd: McPherson Park- 2 sani jons installed 11-4-11

Not that I am aware of.

From: Bob Vogel
Sent: 11/05/2011 03:26 PM EDT
To: Karen Cucurullo
Subject: Fw: Fwd: McPherson Park- 2 sani jons installed 11-4-11

We didn't install these did we?

From: David Kamperin [REDACTED]
Sent: 11/05/2011 03:01 AM GMT
To: Bob Vogel; Steve Lorenzetti; Karen Cucurullo
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Fwd: McPherson Park- 2 sani jons installed 11-4-11

Superintendent Vogel

This is clearly disappointing and it appears that NPS' only response to this illegal activity is to enable them and make their unlawful camping more comfortable. It also appears that NPS has accepted this and will continue to promote this illegal activity instead of enforcing current laws. Ironically the warning signs posted are still being ignored- generators are running, gas containers with flammable liquids are being stored near propane stoves-a potential grave risk to the public safety of the residents, workers and visitors near the area- not to mention the obvious presence of illegal narcotics (marijuana can readily be smelled throughout the encampment).

Finally, I am sure that if these protestors attempted their encampment on the National Mall with flammable liquids, potential projectiles and illegal drugs openly being used the response by NPS would be substantially different. Sadly when activities are adversely impacting businesses and the rights of workers and residents to enjoy the park occurs out of site of the White House, Dept of Interior and NPS the response appears to be to make them more comfortable. When severe cold weather arrives I imagine the staked pile of wood will be used for a bonfire to warm the campers up.

I hope NPS has a "line in the mud" at McPherson that when crossed by this group they take action, and I hope this action is not reactive because of a grave or injurious incident to an innocent victim.

Thank you-

David Kamperin
Downtown DC BID
[REDACTED]



Bob Vogel/NAMA/NPS
11/08/2011 03:46 PM

To Steve Whitesell/WASO/NPS
cc
bcc
Subject Occupy concern

MPD has requested to come on to park property and issue a flyer regarding DC laws this evening at McPherson. We(USPP and NAMA) have indicated our preference that MPD not do this as we think it has potential to escalate the tenuous relationship between MPD and occupy. We are not sure whether MPD will honor our request. I have asked that if anything goes wrong not to call us in the middle of the movie tonight! We are preparing to brief you next Tuesday morning on the latest action steps with the USA and solicitors and the District Court.

Robert A. Vogel
Superintendent
National Mall and Memorial Parks
[REDACTED]

David

From: David Barna [REDACTED]
Sent: 11/22/2011 03:38 PM EST
To: Lisa Mendelson-Ielmini; William Line; Carol Johnson; Jody Lyle; Jeffrey Olson; Maureen Foster; Alma Ripps; Peggy O'Dell; Katherine Kelly; David Schlosser; David Barna
Subject: Conference call Wednesday morning on Occupy DC issues

All

Lisa Mendelson-Ielmini called and would like to have a conversation tomorrow Wednesday morning to discuss our messaging on the Occupy DC issues
As most of you know they seem to be on the move today
The Region is starting to get emails from the public like the one below
I will be at home tomorrow [REDACTED] but can participate
What's a good time in the morning for a call?
Here's our office call in line that we can use for a conference call

[REDACTED]
Code [REDACTED] participant
Code [REDACTED] leader

David



Subject
Occupy Dc versus other park users -
I count too!

Just spent 50 minutes being transferred from one national park department

to the other - no one taking responsibility for this mess you all have created.

I have been a resident of DC for three years. In that time I have paid my fair share of federal and DC taxes, donated to charities and supported several volunteer efforts. I live across from McPherson Square Park and almost every Saturday took my book into the park and read. Almost every night I would feed the ducks with bread I purchased at CVS. I fed the squirrels with the nuts Peapod delivered to my door. [REDACTED] husband passed away six years ago - and I work very [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] I am not some spoiled trust fund baby.

Now the ducks are gone, the squirrels are gone and my park bench no longer available thanks to by Occupy DC. The grass is ruined, the trash is horrendous and the rat population has at least tripled. At night I get to listen to their parties, I see under age minors camping there without adult supervision. I get to hear sex, see public urination and be subjected to early morning drums when I have my one day off – Saturday. Even worse is the knowledge that my tax dollars support this irresponsible behavior by the city and federal park service and that you provide police protection to them as they march and as they disturb my peace, my travel to and from work.

Sounds to me like you don't recognize who votes for you – and who butters your bread with their labor. It isn't Occupy DC – it isn't the new generation of class warfare you are propping up - it is me. I am disgusted. I am angry and want this to end. Yesterday I read that the Occupy DC residents at McPherson Square expect to stay into next year. I sincerely hope this is not the case. They need to go home and have someone else support them if they are not willing to work. I have no desire to pay for this via my tax dollars you take from me in so many ways. They do not have a permit and it is unlawful for them to be there. If I tried to camp in one of these parks you would make me leave -

There are thousands of us unhappy and complaining about them – why are you not hearing us?

Laurie [REDACTED] DeWitt





Kathleen Harasek/USPP/NPS

11/23/2011 08:58 AM

To Peggy O'Dell/NCR/NPS@NPS, Teresa
Chambers/USPP/NPS@NPS, Steve
Whitesell/WASO/NPS@NPS, Lisa

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Subject #1 McPherson/Freedom Daily

All significant information regarding yesterday's activities were relayed though email notification last night.

Overnight, the groups continue to occupy both sites and the following were notable;

- Freedom Plaza/Disorderly Conduct - USPP responded for a dispute involving group leaders and an individual from outside the group. Report indicate that the "outsider" had broken into locks on the light poles in an attempt to obtain power for tents. Suspect has been identified and USPP will follow up.
- Freedom Plaza/Damage to Govt. Property - (6) electrical boxes were broken into to facilitate obtaining power for the group. NPS Maint notified and following up. USPP will follow up to determine value of damages.
- McPherson/Disorderly Conduct - Verbal argument between two occupants; one of which wanted access into a tent which was denied. Both parties identified, checked for warrants warned and separated.

Occupy DC may march to Union Square/US Capitol at 0900. No activity to support this observed yet, USPP in contact with MPD and USCP for coordination.

Captain Kathleen Harasek
Commander, Central District
U.S. Park Police





Kathleen Harasek/USPP/NPS

12/01/2011 09:43 AM

To Peggy O'Dell/NCR/NPS@NPS, Teresa
Chambers/USPP/NPS@NPS, Steve
Whitesell/WASO/NPS@NPS, Lisa

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Subject #9 McPherson/Freedom Daily

Within the last 24 hours the following incidents were noted;

- Officers were dispatched to McPherson Square for a report of an assault. Upon arrival met with a complainant who stated that one of the protestors had spit at her during verbal argument. The victim was willing to press charges. The subject was identified and arrested.
- Officers observing activities within the park at McPherson noted that the group had erected a large flag on a flagpole in violation of current CFR Regulations
- While on routine patrol in McPherson Square officers noted a very prevalent odor of feces throughout the park, but were unable to detect a source. They identified several plastic bottles outside of tent containing yellow liquid suspected of being urine. Officers spoke to several of the protestors about the conditions, no definable actions were taken. Case number was issued for Hazardous Condition

Scheduled Activities and Events

- Gathering at McPherson Square, marching to 727 15th St NW
Description: Read
<http://occupydc.org/action-alert-occupy-dccc-let-no-party-remain-unaccountable-to-the-people>

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